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**Getting the scoop on summer**

Jess Blade and Georgia Pilling enjoy some ice cream after heading into Haliburton village from Camp Timberlane on Tuesday (July 14) afternoon. *Photo by Adam Frisk.*

# OPP: Beware of common online scams

**By Mike Baker**

Earlier this summer, Laurie Jones from Rails End Gallery and Arts Centre was replying to some work emails when she was suddenly inundated with messages from several local artists asking about new application fees for next week's Art and Craft Festival in Haliburton.

The notes surprised Jones, as the application deadline for the annual event – running July 24-26 in Head Lake Park – passed in February. After looking into it more, she quickly realized the email was an online scam meant to separate unknowing locals from their hard-earned money.

"It's been happening to a lot of festivals this year – someone will create fake accounts, get access to mailing lists and reach out to people trying to sell vendor spots, telling people there's still lots of time to apply," Jones said.

"The scammers are really sneaky. The one email address they created was 'Haliburton Arts and Crafts' where we're just 'Haliburton Art and Craft'. So, people see something like that come through and assume it's legitimate but it's not," she added.

While she's not aware of anyone falling for the racket involving Rails End, Jones said she set up entirely new email accounts and mailing lists to make sure everything was secure. She

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Laurie Jones uncovered an online scam centred around Rails End Gallery and Arts Centre. *Photo by Mike Baker.*

# Younger generations being targeted

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also sent a note to members notifying them of the con and reported it to the Haliburton Highlands OPP.

Cst. Hillary Newman said these virtual scams are "fairly common," noting complaints tend to come in waves.

"All it takes is for a local business or community group to have their email address hacked and the offending party gets access to contact information for a bunch of people they can then try to deceive," Newman said. "Sometimes those people reach out to us when they get a suspicious message, sometimes they fall victim to the fraud."

Newman said it's a year-round problem, noting the Highlands detachment receives hundreds of reports of fraud every year. While the victims are located within the County, the perpetrators rarely are.

"Most times, we don't necessarily know where they are. They could be anywhere in Canada or the world," Newman said. "These scammers can be so manipulative and make the messages appear so legitimate. It can be hard for people to tell what's real and what isn't."

While the stereotype is that these sorts of crimes target seniors, Newman said she's received calls from people of all ages over the past year – especially the younger generation.

"These messages are all about making people nervous, anxious and stressed out. There are often threats attached," she noted. "We see a lot of these things saying they're going to release private, intimate images unless they get paid, or they'll be issuing an arrest for an unpaid tax bill. Almost all the time, the people making those threats don't have anything and are making it up to convince someone to pay."

## Read everything carefully

One of the most common scams doing the rounds, Newman said, involves pre-paid gift cards. Typically, victims will receive a message from someone posing as a friend or family member in serious financial trouble. The gift cards, they say, will help them get out of a bind.

"People need to know that any time they get a request like this, it is almost always fraudulent. No company or government agency is ever going to ask for repayment in the form of a gift card," she said. "And if it's a family member asking, just double check through another means or source that the request is really coming from that person."

Newman warned it can be difficult tracking down money sent virtually, while anything involving gift cards is pretty much a lost cause.

"Once the person has what they want, they move things around and once it's gone it can be almost impossible to find again," Newman said.

She noted most fraud cases reported to the Highlands detachment get forwarded to the OPP's serious fraud office and the Canadian Anti-Theft Centre.

A lot of fraud cases go unreported though, Newman said, with victims often feeling embarrassed.

"They chalk it up as a life lesson, that they shouldn't have been so naïve. But this is something that can and does happen to anyone," she said. "In terms of advice, I'd recommend people think twice before responding to anything received over text or email. Read everything carefully.

"There's nothing wrong with not responding – that's actually what we recommend. If an issue or situation is legitimate, you'll hear from them again," Newman added.

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# Province withholds Minden Hills funding

**By Lisa Gervais**

The provincial government is holding Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund (OMPF) money from Minden Hills, as the township plays catch-up on financial statements from 2024 and 2025.

The OMPF is the province's main general assistance grant to municipalities. The township received an allocation of $2,044,000 for the 2025 budget year. It has not received money yet for the 2026 budget year.

CAO Cynthia Fletcher and director of finance, Zack Drinkwalter, addressed the issue during an interview with *The Highlander* last Wednesday (July 8).

The municipality is required to have audited financial statements every year; and part of those statements include an FIR (financial information return). Drinkwalter said it is "more or less a tax return for the municipality. It's reporting all your information to the ministry in a format that they utilize for data collection."

The treasurer said with staff turnover in the finance department over the past couple of years, "the audits never came to completion. There hasn't been a lot of follow-through just with the changeover."

He only joined the township in time for 2026 budget deliberations and added the municipality has a new audit team this year – having given the contract to Huntsville-based Pahapill and Associates Chartered Accountants.

Minden Hills CAO Cynthia Fletcher. *File.*

"So, we're catching up now. We're currently underway with our audit and our FIR so we're in the process of it right now but it does take a bit of time."

Drinkwalter said Pahapill is currently working on 2024, "and as soon as that's wrapped up, will be rolling into 2025, which is just about complete now as far as our work goes, but we will need the audit still."

Fletcher said, "we need to do the 2024 audit, and put the 2024 FIR in place. At this point, what the province is saying is they're holding the (OMPF) funding until that happens and we anticipate we'll be fully caught up this fall."

*The Highlander* asked if the lack of funding would impact operations. However, Drinkwalter replied, "as far as our operations go, nothing will change. Municipalities are 90 per cent funded through tax dollars so the OMPF funding, while it's part of our revenue, isn't a big part of our revenue, similar to all municipalities."

Asked if this was an unusual occurrence for a township, Fletcher said, "it's not typical."

Drinkwalter said they are in constant communication with the province.

"They've let us know once we get our FIR submitted, then our funding will be released but we're in talks with the province, we're always in talks with the province."

Fletcher added, "we recognize that we need to get caught up and that's our intention. It's just been the lack of continuity of a treasurer, which is a very specific position and skillset in a municipality. The lack of continuity has made us fall behind. We now have our treasurer on board, and it's been his main focus to get us caught up, and we intend to be fully caught up this fall."

Councillor-at-large Tammy McKelvey, who is a former municipal treasurer, told the *What the Haliburton* podcast June 30 she believes Drinkwalter, "will be able to get this under control, but it has to be made a priority. This is serious. The province gives us OMPF funding. It's paid out in four instalments. It's a big chunk of change. It's over $2 million for us. They have frozen it, so we haven't received our instalments for 2026."

## OPP NEWS

### Stolen chainsaws recovered

OPP is seeking the public's assistance in identifying the owner(s) of two chainsaws believed to have been stolen.

On June 8, officers recovered the following items: Oregon Pro-Lite Homelite chainsaw and a Poulan Pro 38cc chainsaw.

If you are missing these chainsaws, or believe one may belong to you, contact the detachment. Owners will be asked to provide details to verify ownership.

Anyone with information is encouraged to contact the Haliburton Highlands OPP.

### Drug trafficking

OPP has charged one person with trafficking drugs in the Haliburton Highlands area.

The local detachment, with help from the Central Region Community Street Crime Unit (CSCU), began a lengthy investigation into reports of drug trafficking in the Minden and Haliburton area. They said on Wednesday (July 8), officers located and arrested Ryan Willis, 40, of Haliburton, and charged him with: three counts of possession of a schedule I substance for the purpose of trafficking; possession of proceeds of property obtained by crime under $5,000; drive vehicle or boat with cannabis in open baggage and possession of over 30 grams dried cannabis in a public place.

During this investigation, officers said they recovered and seized: two cellular devices, digital scales, 70 grams of cannabis, 30.5 grams of crystal meth, 30.8 grams of cocaine, 9 Percocet pills and $195 cash.

The accused is scheduled to appear before the Ontario Court of Justice in Minden at a later date.

If you have any information about the trafficking of illicit substances in Haliburton County, call the OPP at 1-888-310-1122 or should you wish to remain anonymous, call the Kawartha/Haliburton Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477), or go online at www.khcrimestoppers.com where you may be eligible to receive a cash reward of up to $2,000.

*(OPP news compiled by Lisa Gervais)*

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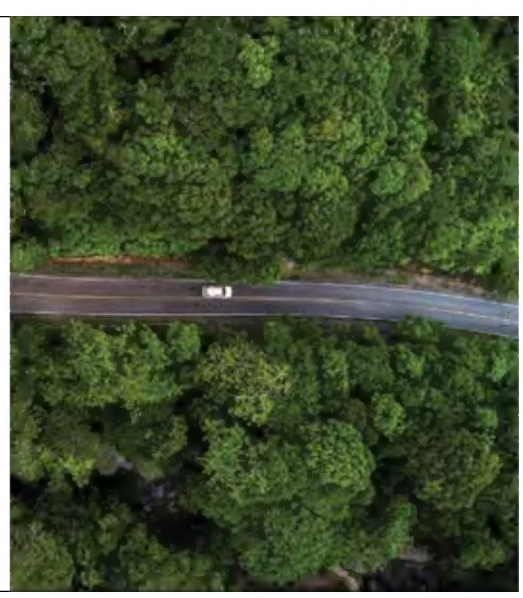

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Community Living employees on the picket line Monday (July 13). *Photo by Adam Frisk.*

# Community Living strike rolling on

**By Mike Baker**

After seven weeks on the picket line in Haliburton, Community Living Trent Lakes staffer Michelle Cooper said she and 35 other Highlands-based workers remain resolute as the strike action involving 4,500 public sector employees continues.

Members of the Ontario Public Service Employees Union (OPSEU) Local 358 walked off the job May 25. They're fighting for a 6.5 per cent retroactive wage increase, a no layoffs guarantee for existing staff, and increase to baseline funding that supports residents living in Community Living group homes.

The dispute involves nearly two dozen community agencies across Ontario. While workers are paid by their employers, OPSEU Local 358 president, Jessica Bushey, said the funds for those wages comes from the Ontario government. She's blaming the province for the current situation, with Bushey claiming the Ministry of Community and Social Services is underfunding the sector around $1.5 billion per year.

"I've been with Community Living for 19 years and this is the first strike action we've ever done," Bushey said, noting workers unionized in the early 1990s.

"The situation today is different than it ever has been before. It's two-pronged. We're advocating for ourselves, for the wage increase we feel we're owed… but we're also fighting for the people we support, who rely on us every single day," she added.

The Bank of Canada's inflation calculator pegs the cost-of-living increase, using consumer price index (CPI), at just over 20 per cent since 2021. Bushey said many Community Living residents are budgeted just $14 a day for food, while many workers have second or third jobs and utilize the food bank to get by.

In its most recent offer, Community Living pitched a multi-year contract with a three per cent increase in year one and two per cent hike in years two and three. She said the company has yet to guarantee no layoffs as part of a new contract.

Bushey said the provincial government needs to make some concessions for the impasse to end. "We will never, ever pay for the wage increase we want with our own blood."

In a statement to *The Highlander*, the provincial government said it has "made historic investments in the development services sector, including nearly $4 billion this year, an increase of $1.6 billion since we took office in 2018, to provide people with access to the services they need, when they need them.

"While collective bargaining is a matter between the employer and the union, we expect every service provider to have strong contingency plans to protect residents and ensure their care is never disrupted," a spokesperson said.

## 'Fighting for the future'

Cooper has put in 27 years with Community Living – 10 in Clarington-Oshawa and 17 in Haliburton County. She told *The Highlander* she's fighting for future staff and residents.

"Most of us lifers have been here so long and are relatively close to retirement. We're fighting for the staff coming up behind us, the programs in the future and Community Living as a whole," Cooper said. "What is it going to look like in the future when we can't recruit and retain staff now?"

She's had a near daily presence on the picket line on Maple Avenue, saying the weather has made it a "brutal" few weeks. Strikers are out Monday to Friday, four hours per day. Cooper said the public has been extremely supportive.

While the strike has been tough, Cooper believes the people she cared for at Community Living have had it worse.

"I can't even imagine what they're going through, how confused they must feel. A lot of our residents thrive on routine and familiarity, but they won't have gotten that these past few weeks," Cooper said, noting Community Living is bringing in temporary staff to cover shifts. "The people they trust, who know their routines and behaviours, aren't there anymore. Instead, it's total strangers supporting them."

Community Living Trent Highlands did not respond to questions by press time.

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# Legions to mark centennial

**By Lisa Gervais**

It's a busy lunch rush at the Royal Canadian Legion in Minden, but one table is unoccupied. It always is. It is left vacant in honour of those who never came back from battlegrounds in Europe, Asia and Africa, or who may have survived, but were never the same.

While diners come in to enjoy the 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. serving, some may not stop to examine the impressive display of memorabilia on the walls.

People are being encouraged to stop into the Mabel D. Brannigan Branch 636 on Hwy. 35 this Friday (July 17) as the branch celebrates the Legion's 100th anniversary in Canada. The Minden branch has been around since 1988.

Treasurer, Paul Norry, said former Minden bank manager, Al Mayo, was "very instrumental" in finding the building and getting the money to purchase it. "He was the driving force. He and Mabel got it together."

Back then, the legion was entirely volunteer-run, but now has employees and a popular restaurant. They have had to extend parking at the back of the property to accommodate the crowds.

Above the fireplace is their charter, issued by the Dominion Command.

Hetty Leitch said they have uniforms from people who served in wars. There are photographs and paintings, such as two that were done by legion member Chris Burton's father.

Leitch said, "I'd like (people) to come in and see the memorabilia because it is from donations from people who have been in different wars. Unfortunately, memorabilia tends to become wallpaper."

They are changing displays up, including some Second World War bond posters they found.

The branch is hosting an open house Friday (July 17), from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. In addition to the memorabilia, and sweet treats, they will have sticky notes they would like people to write a message of remembrance on.

Fwin Norry said, "messages can include a few words of thanks, a name, a memory, or a reflection of what remembrance means to them. The message will become part of a large-scale commemorative mural honouring the fallen, which will be unveiled during the Remembrance Day period by the Royal Canadian Legion."

Legion headquarters said "2026 marks a once-in-a-lifetime milestone: a century of standing with veterans, strengthening communities, and honouring the memory of those who served. Founded in 1925 at the Unity Conference, the legion began with a clear mission — to support veterans, advocate for their rights, and ensure the act of remembrance continues. On July 17, 1926, the legion was officially incorporated by a special Act of Parliament, now recognized as our anniversary."

Fwin Norry, Hetty Leitch, and Paul Norry, at the Minden Legion last Thursday (July 9). *Photo by Lisa Gervais.*

## What else is happening?

Haliburton Legion president Mike Waller said celebrations will be pretty low-key Friday. His wife, Cheryl, has prepared treats and there will be a toast to mark the occasion before the usual 3 p.m. meat draw.

Waller believes the centennial is a major milestone for the legion.

"For the last 100 years the legion has been supporting veterans, helping people through things. The fact it's still here and thriving a century later is great. I'm hoping it keeps going for another 100 years or more," Waller said.

> *"The fact it's still here and thriving a century later is great."*
> ***Mike Waller***

Membership at the Haliburton branch is up this year. To mark the anniversary, The Royal Canadian Legion waived the usual sign-up fee for new members this year. Waller said there have been about 170 new people register, taking the legion to about 600 members.

Henry Dickinson, president of the Cardiff legion, hasn't seen any such boom in his community. A member of the Highlands East-based branch for 30 years in 2026, Dickinson said local membership is at an all-time low.

"It can be hard to convince new veterans to come out. We've got to find ways to get people interested in the Legion again," Dickinson said.

Waller said one misconception people have is that the legion is only for veterans - and even more than that, for those who have seen active combat. But anyone can become a member, whether they have a connection to the military or not.

"All we're here for is to help - to support people that want and need to be supported, and to provide community for those looking for it," Waller said.

Later this summer, the Haliburton Legion will hold a special event to debut new displays in the Mountbatten Room. Waller said legion member Kevin Habib has been working for the past year to create an exhibition showcasing local war memorabilia.

"There will be a little open house and walkabout tour of the town - we'll go down by the plane and to the tank and then bring people back to the legion for some treats," Waller said. A date has not yet been decided.

In Kinmount, people can stop by the legion for some cake at 6:15 p.m. President Dean Curtis said the branch is also celebrating its 80th anniversary in 2026

He's been a member for six years and said numbers are strong this year, with 18 new members taking them to 114.

"One hundred years is a huge milestone for an organization, there aren't many other institutions that can say that. The good the legion does for veterans and in the community - supporting food banks and youth, it's amazing and it's all volunteer-led," Curtis said.

The Wilberforce Legion is holding its celebrations a week later, across two days next Friday (July 24) and Saturday (July 25). There is a meat cannelloni dinner on the Friday from 5 to 8 p.m., prepared by the ladies auxiliary, with live music by Wilberforce Boys and the Sponge. Festivities kick off at noon Saturday, with kids karaoke, meat draw, tree planting and more live music.

Lloyd Harris, president of the Coboconk branch, said they're holding a celebration during Legion Week in September. There will be a free luncheon, games and jam session on Sept. 23.

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# County to revisit community safety plan

**By Mike Baker**

A refresh of the County of Haliburton's community safety and wellbeing (CSWB) plan is underway with an updated document to be presented to the upper-tier's new council in November and adopted by spring 2027.

Sue Tiffin, the County's director of community outreach, told council at its June 24 meeting that since the current plan is now four years old, an update is required, per the province's Community Safety and Policing Act. Work has been underway since June, with Tiffin and other staff evaluating the policy that was first adopted in early 2022.

"We have connected with other colleagues and municipalities across the province regarding best practices," Tiffin said. "Generally, there are three approaches we can take – light touch, medium touch or deep dive. Our advisory committee is recommending we adopt a light touch to the plan."

Through the CSWB plan, Tiffin said she's partnered with more than a dozen other community organizations to develop a system bringing agencies with different focuses and mandates together in Haliburton County.

Among those involved are the John Howard Society, Haliburton Highlands Health Services, Heat Bank Haliburton County, Peterborough AIDS Resource Network, the Canadian Mental Health Association, City of Kawartha Lakes

Sue Tiffin, the County's director of community outreach. *File.*

housing and homelessness services; Fleming Crew, Point in Time and the County's three food bank organizations.

The County also offers outreach days every month. Assistance is available for people looking for tax supports, heat and hydro assistance, food, help with Ontario Works or Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP) applications, housing supports, guidance on skills and education training, adult justice services, and help through the community paramedic services, which includes harm reduction and hepatitis C testing.

"Whenever possible, the outreach team is able to make a connection that results in a warm hand-off from service provider to service provider," Tiffin said, noting that making initial connections and building trust can help with referrals.

Tiffin said she tries to make sure services are accessible to people across the County. Earlier this month, staff held sessions at the Minden courthouse (July 8) and in Haliburton village (July 14) at the CMHA's Coming Full Circle program hub. There will be other opportunities to connect July 21 at the John Howard Society in Minden and July 29 at the Wilberforce Food Hub, both from 1 to 3 p.m.

Another key feature of the CSWB plan has been expanded offerings for seniors through the seniors active living centre (SALC). Between July 2025 and March 31, Tiffin said 981 people participated in 501 activities and services offered through SALC.

"Programs were offered for 218 days throughout the 2025-26 fiscal year – we were only running for nine months, but we were very happy with the turnout," Tiffin said, noting programming for the 2026-27 year is in full swing.

Tiffin said she expects to wrap the first phase of the update this month, with community engagement running in August and September. She said the County will be releasing a survey looking for public feedback. A new draft plan will be developed in October, presented to council in November and finalized by January, with plans to adopt and market the new plan next April and May.

# Editorial opinion

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# Hello sunshine

By Lisa Gervais

Consultants with the Eastern Ontario Regional Network (EORN) are now reviewing information they gathered from the townships of Algonquin Highlands, Dysart et al, Highlands East and Minden Hills, as well as the County of Haliburton.

They are also looking over the feedback they received from the community during open houses and from a public survey. They are expected to come back to County council at the end of this month with an interim affordability and governance report.

One thing we've heard for years from taxpayers is why we need five chief administrative officers (CAOs), five treasurers, five planners, five heads of public works, and four fire chiefs.

Reviewing the 2025 sunshine list – which shows public servants earning more than $100,000-a-year, it is hard not to agree with the public that a lot of our tax dollars go towards highly-paid staff at the upper and lower-tier governments.

The County has 35 folks on the list, but many of them are paramedics. It is hard to take exception with the folks literally saving our lives getting paid well to do it. However, there are a number of managers making well over $1 million combined.

In Algonquin Highlands, there are seven on the list, costing ratepayers nearly $900,000. In Highlands East, there are another eight, with a payroll of about $929,000. In Minden Hills, there are eight highly-paid staffers, raking in more than $919,000. And, in Dysart et al, nine have made the list, at about $1.2 million. Those are just the bosses. By the numbers, then, we see nearly $5 million just for top municipal staffers – before even getting into the rank and file.

Payroll is the number one cost to the County and our four municipalities. And that is for a permanent population of 23,000 people, growing to 45,000 to 60,000 in the summer.

Those numbers simply don't add up to me. I wonder if they add up for the EORN consultants?

Some have argued we have far too many politicians as well. We do have 24, with eight of them also sitting on County council, so technically 32 political positions. I don't worry so much about that because at the end of the day, political salaries are quite low, combined often less than one per cent of a township's budget.

So, how does EORN find affordability in this study? It has to look at how the County and the townships are working – or in some cases not working – together to find the answers. Is it feasible to see more roles being shared? For example, could the County take on the planning portfolio? It makes sense since some developments have to go through townships and the County before being approved. Could that eliminate the need for five heads of planning?

EORN will no doubt be looking at other efficiencies. For example, how about hiring a mechanic or lawyer for all five municipalities, versus each contracting the work out?

We anticipate the EORN consultants are asking these types of questions as they place all five townships on their version of a military map and begin to move the pieces around.

We look forward to seeing what they come up with.

## HUMANS OF HALIBURTON HIGHLANDS

# Finding her authentic self

**By Susan Tromanhauser**

Alanna Cates is a woman on the move - 30 times in her 53 years. But she thinks her move in June to Tory Hill may just be her last.

Cates blames engineering for a lot of her relocations. Growing up, her father was an electrical engineer, requiring the family to move several times across the province, out west and to the Unites States. When she followed her father's footsteps into engineering – but as a chemical engineer, the University of Waterloo co-op program required Cates to move every four months, bouncing back and forth from job placements to academics.

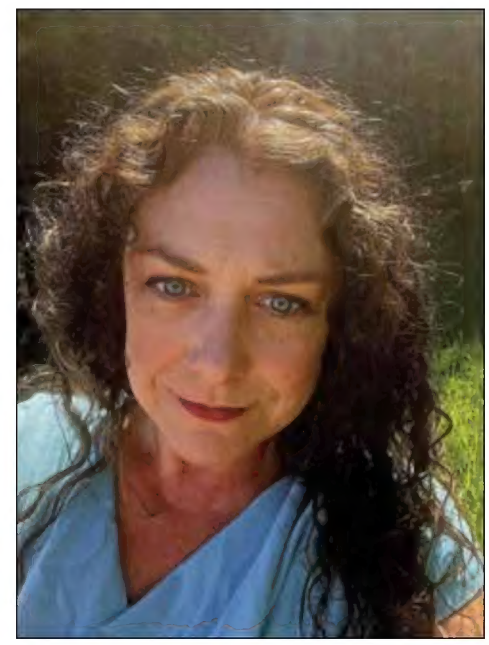
Despite the many upheavals throughout her life, it was on a camping trip with her father to Algonquin Park that she knew exactly where she wanted to live – up north. The trip was, "wonderful when it was sunny and warm and the cool and rainy days were character building." Cates is grateful for those camping trips, building the skills and confidence she has in the outdoors today.

Driving home from one of her trips, the family passed through Huntsville and Cates asked, "what do I have to do to live here?" Years later, she figured it out – she started her engineering career with a Huntsville firm. She found a suitable home in Dorset, "a tolerable commute" to her job. When the company closed, she once again found herself on the move back to Toronto but knew she would one day be back.

She returned to Dorset, where she lived for the last 10 years, but the end of a relationship resulted in recently leaving the community. She knew she wanted to stay in the Highlands so drew a circle around Dorset indicating one hour's drive, the furthest her car-adverse cat could manage. Tory Hill was where she landed.

Living in Dorset, Robinson's General Store was the hub of activity where Cates could always meet up with neighbours. While she has only been in Tory Hill a short time, she has already discovered her new hub – the community mailbox where she has met so many friendly and welcoming people. She also credits her real estate agent for making the transition as smooth as possible. She has known many agents through her relocations, but the agent from Haliburton County was by far her most "fabulous," instrumental in securing the Tory Hill property and connecting Cates to supportive resources.

Cates is excited about Tory Hill, and investigating the art gallery and re-immersing herself into a hobby from her past, acrylic painting. She admits her camping and hiking days may be over, but kayaking still takes her to her beloved Algonquin Park.



Alanna Cates. *Submitted.*

As she embarks on her new life on the east side of Haliburton County, she is practicing "practical perseverance," piecing together her life within nature and opportunities for healing solitude. While only time will tell if Tory Hill is Cates' last move, she knows she has found a place among supportive people and where she can find her "true, authentic self."

Clarification: Haliburton Highlands Health Services (HHHS) wanted to clarify that Ontario Health has endorsed its stage one submission, not the ministry. CEO Jack Hutchinson said the Ministry of Health has not endorsed or approved their project yet. The story appeared in the July 9 *Highlander,* headlined 'HHHS progressing plans for more beds'.

# Editorial opinion

## LETTERS

### Threat to democracy

***Dear editor,***

I am writing to those who don't follow politics unless there's an upcoming election and to those who say they're not political and don't even bother to vote.

The current provincial government, led by Doug Ford and all his minion members of provincial parliament, are counting on you to remain complacent and uninformed. They got a majority in the last election when only 43 per cent of eligible voters voted. That is not reflecting the will of the people.

This current government is a threat to democracy. They have legislated secrecy in order to operate under the radar. They are underfunding and taking over school boards and colleges. They are quietly privatizing our public health care by underfunding, then replacing.

They have underfunded municipalities and then they take them over, accusing them of mismanagement. They have made corrupt, under-the-table deals with their own financial backers, then hidden the evidence.

This government has four criminal investigations now open against them. Is this really a government for the people. Some of them are enriching themselves and family members. They refuse to bargain in good faith with public service unions.

Wake up, people. We need to fight. There are protests happening all across the province. July 25, we will be in Lindsay, at 10 a.m., on the corner of Kent and St. Joseph. Come out and be part of the resistance against the tyranny of the Ford government

***Kathi Douglas***
***Minden Hills***

### More viable options

***Dear editor,***

The key question is: do the benefits exceed the costs.

The Alto website is a marketing masterpiece that provides no evidence that any meaningful analysis has been done.

Expected initial ridership of 24 million is a a pipedream given that VIA moves three million, Eurostar 20 million, Amtrak between Boston and Washington with three times the population topped out at 3.1 million.

Alto has been touted as a fix for everything from the environment to Indigenous reconciliation and national prosperity despite only servicing a thin slice of two provinces, which have never had trouble attracting population growth or viable commercial/industrial activity.

Neither its proponents or detractors has a believable set of data. This is yet another sewer for hard-earned taxpayer dollars that will be funded by costly debt that will never be repaid. Apparently, we have learned nothing from the electric battery manufacturing plant proposals that received government funding.

Conventional transit projects in cities such as Toronto and Ottawa have been poorly designed, implemented and maintained and never been break-even for annual operating costs.

To state that private capital will help finance this project based on existing projects in other countries, research and cost estimates is absurd. Canada has too many other viable projects worthy of taxpayer funding.

***Ted Atkinson***
***Moose Lake***

### Public garbage cans

***Dear editor,***

My sister, Sue, and her grand dog, Gracie, were visiting our cottage last week.

Gracie is old and anxious, so we have been bringing her to Minden each day for a walk along the river.

One day, she did a poop, which we immediately scooped and bagged. I looked everywhere, but we were unable to find a public garbage bin... not along the river and not on the main shopping block.

Please, Minden, install a few garbage bins. It would make it easier to be a responsible citizen.

***Carol Town***
***Minden Hills***

### Bat Lake Road condition

***Dear editor,***

To anyone who uses Bat Lake Road to access their cottage or home, it is time to write or call your member of council to ask them to take a drive or ride their bike on this piece of road.

It is a dead-end road which should be safe for bicyclists and walkers and it is dangerous.

The sides of the blacktop are broken up and there are large ditches instead of shoulders. There are so many potholes it is impossible to avoid them, leading to cars veering to escape them and at risk to walkers on the road.

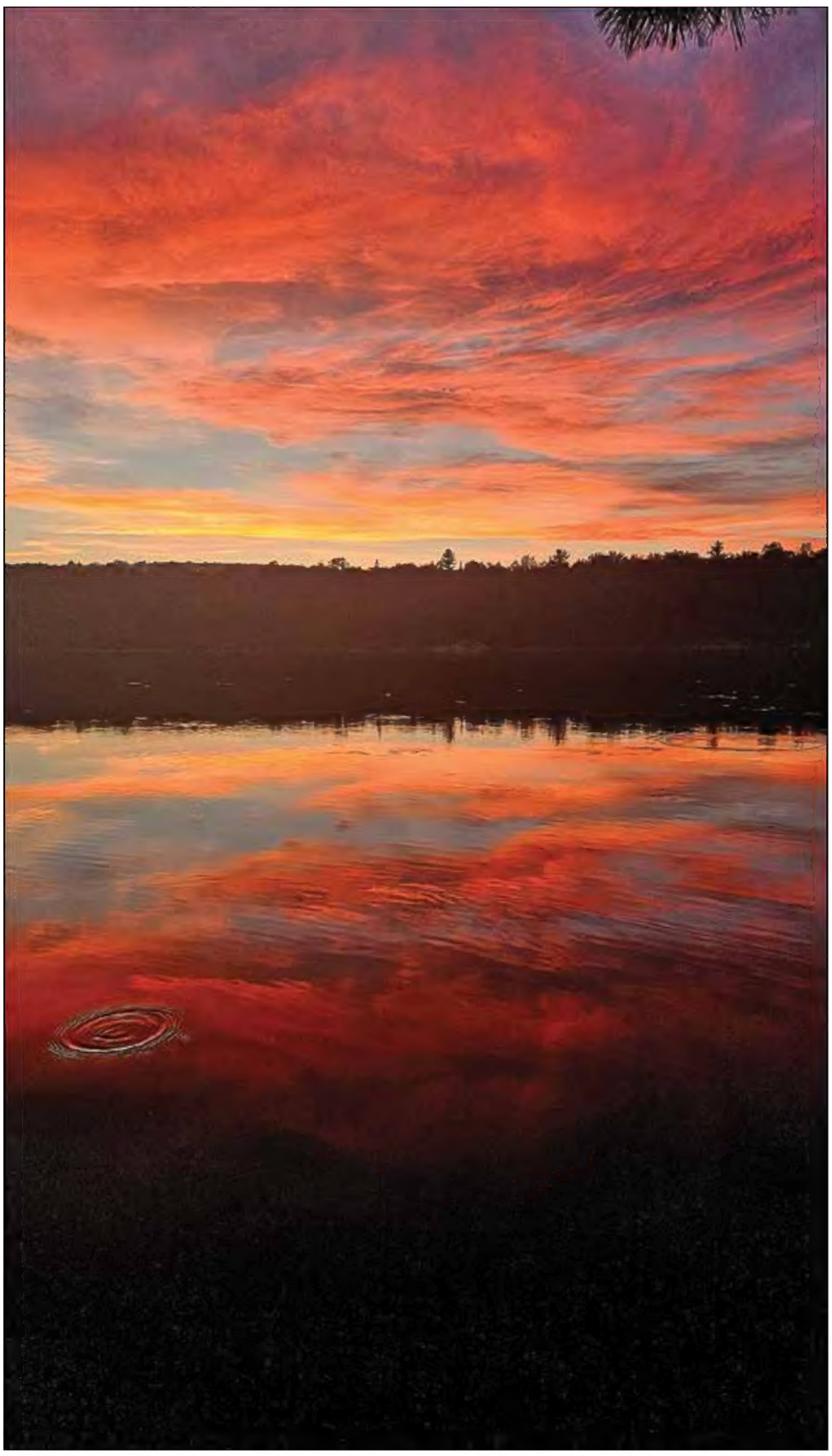
Trying to ride a bike is jarring to the point that it is very unsafe.

Parts of the road have gravel on it and there are pylons in front of the most dangerous washouts and ditches.

The road work crew comes by once or twice a year and puts some black patching on one-tenth of the potholes; it simply washes away. That is a Band-Aid solution that is not working. We pay our taxes, so please fix this road. It is a disgrace. Ward 1 coun. Ivan Ingram and Ward 1 coun. Shirley Johannessen.

***Marie Hardy***
***Minden Hills***

## PHOTO OF THE WEEK



Aidan McKnight captured this cotton candy sky at The Haliburton Forest.

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THIS WEEK:

Breaking Down HI, Our News and Information App

# Highlander business

Just the Highlands

Your Dental Care's Jessica Pratt, Anna Lett, and Britany Fleming at their new office in Haliburton. *Photo by Adam Frisk.*

# Service with a smile at new dentist

**By Mike Baker**

It's been five months since Your Hometown Dentist moved into its new digs in Haliburton village, with the business' Paula Crawford saying the early focus has been building a brand-new clientele from scratch.

The office, located at 739 Mountain St. in the space that once housed Volunteer Dental Outreach (VDO), opened in February. Crawford said it's the seventh office she and her brother, Dr. Cam Crawford, have opened in cottage country, with other locations in Peterborough, Kawartha Lakes and Northumberland County.

Paula said her brother has ties to the area, with his in-laws living in Haliburton. When he heard, last year, that VDO would be closing, he identified the Highlands as an ideal place to expand.

"That was around the same time we had just started doing more outreach work with our mobile trailer, with the goal of servicing more rural communities or helping those having trouble accessing a dentist," Crawford said. "It seemed like a match for us. Instead of bringing our trailer up to Haliburton County for events, we felt there was enough of a need for us to establish a permanent location."

The space is open five days per week, Monday to Thursday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Fridays from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. While their roster has been filling up, Crawford said there's still lots of room for those looking for a new dentist.

"We don't have waitlists. We're able to see people right away," Crawford noted.

They have hired five staff to run the office, including a dental hygienist and two dentists, Dr. Adeel Husain and Dr. Megan Fulford. Crawford said services include regular cleanings, extractions, root canals and other complex treatments.

They also have a strong referral network, meaning they can get people in for dentures and appointments requiring sedation without having to go on a waitlist.

"I would say our specialty is treating people of all ages. Our female dentist has a lot of experience working with children," Crawford said.

With the federal government last year expanding the Canadian Dental Care Plan, Crawford said staff are experienced helping people get registered. She said they offer direct billing, so people don't have to pay out of pocket for procedures and then try to recoup their money.

Crawford said Your Hometown Dentist is equipped to deal with emergencies immediately, with no wait times. If someone can't get into the Haliburton office, they will be referred to the next closest location, Crawford said.

The dentist is hosting a community BBQ July 24 from noon to 3 p.m. Crawford said it'll be an opportunity for staff to connect with the public.

"We're hoping people come and check us out, see the space… it's a beautiful location, the office itself is gorgeous still from when VDO had it," she said.

Despite opening an office in the village, Crawford said Your Hometown Dentist staff are still committed to serving rural parts of the County or offering after hours care through its mobile trailer.

"We had it at the Haliburton Home & Cottage Show and had a lot of people stopping by, saying how great it was that we were there on a weekend. So many people put off dental care because they can't find appointments that fit their schedule," Crawford said. "It's a full-service trailer, so we can do almost anything in there. If there's a big event in the area, we're more than happy to bring it out."

For more information, visit yourhometowndentist.ca.

It's nicer here

Ontario glassblower and sculptor, Brad Copping, has an exhibit running at Agnes Jamieson Gallery July 23 to Sept. 19. *Photo submitted.*

# Nature and loss in Minden exhibit

**By Mike Baker**

A new exhibit is debuting at Agnes Jamieson Gallery (AJG) in Minden next week, with Apsley-based glassblower and sculptor, Brad Copping, saying his show 'As the Shoreline Disappears' carries an emotional double meaning for him.

The 12-piece showcase runs July 23 to Sept. 19 and explores Copping's experiences navigating the aging of his parents, including dealing with an Alzheimer's Disease diagnosis, alongside a parallel examination of the destruction humanity continues to inflict upon the natural world.

Copping said he seeks to illuminate these "very real" human and environmental losses through his work, hoping the end result will inspire changes in behaviour or help people move past, or process, their grief.

"It's probably been the past five years that I've been dealing with my parents – trying to be there for them, advocate for them and do the things that needed to be done really took a lot out of me," Copping said. "It was a heart-wrenching journey. The title of the show is definitely a commentary on the declining state of the environment, but it's also very much a way of dealing with loss, working through things in ways that make sense to me.

"Grappling with loss and how we look at it, deal with and accept it is very central to the theme," he added.

Most of the pieces featured are newer creations, made within the past year, though Copping said there a couple of his favourite older pieces also included.

The main attraction is one he put together in 2016 using two fibreglass canoes. It was a nod to Copping's stints training in Europe, where he had two, month-long residencies at glass blowing facilities in Belgium and the Netherlands in the early 2010s.

"The two centres were very close together and I used to paddle across a lake in a canoe to go from one to the other. That was a pretty big period of my life and artistic journey, so wanted to commemorate that," Copping said. "I took two canoes and chopped them into pieces and turned them into a big X, which leans against the wall. That's probably the most commanding thing that will be in the show."

Copping has 36 years of experience creating and selling art in Ontario and Quebec. He got his start at Sheridan College. While he started out in furniture design, Copping said he was seduced by glass blowing early on. A couple of his favourite instructors were also sculptors, which encouraged Copping to chase both mediums. His functional blown glasswork can be found in permanent collections at the Royal Ontario Museum, the Design Exchange event space in Toronto and the Claridge Collection in Montreal.

At the peak of his popularity, Copping ran commercial galleries in Toronto and Montreal where he showcased his sculptures, though he's largely worked from his home studio and exhibited in public spaces since the 2008 financial crisis.

Not feeling pressured to make pieces purely to sell has taken Copping down some interesting paths, the artist said.

"The work can get a little weirder. Many of my pieces are quite large, so it's great to have the large spaces public galleries can offer to really showcase the work," he said.

This is his first time exhibiting in Haliburton County, with Copping noting he's excited to visit the gallery July 25 for the opening reception, which runs 1-3 p.m. He connected with curator, Shannon Kelly, after his friends Gary Blundell and Victoria Ward exhibited at AJG in 2024.

"They recommended me and I'm glad they did – it was perfect timing for me to make a commitment to a serious exhibition like this," he said.

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills has received applications to consider by-laws to stop up, close, and convey those parcels of land, being shoreline road allowances, more particularly described as follows:

1. **File No. PLSRA2025024:** Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Soyers Lake, lying in front of 1287 Grace Road located within Lot 27 & 28, Concession 9, Geographic Township of Minden
2. **File No. PLSRA2025075:** Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Kashagawigamog Lake, lying in front of 1212 Sugar Bush Lane within Lot 21, Concession 4, Geographic Township of Minden
3. **File No. PLSRA2025101:** Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Salerno Lake, lying in front of 1085 Lucky Copper Trail within Lot 33, Concession 4, Geographic Township of Snowdon
4. **File No. PLSRA2026002:** Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Little Boshkung Lake, lying in front of 1046 Crest Drive located within Lot 12, Concession 13, Geographic Township of Minden
5. **File No. PLSRA2026009:** Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Bob Lake, lying in front of 1012 Caldwell Trail located within the Lot 12, Concession 1, Geographic Township of Anson

The above noted applications are available for inspection in the Planning Department located at 7 Milne Street, Minden, Ontario by appointment only. Additional information may be obtained by contacting the undersigned or by visiting www.mindenhills.ca/newsroom.

**AND TAKE NOTICE** should you wish to provide comments with respect to the above referenced applications, please submit in writing those comments to the undersigned not later than end of day on **August 7, 2026**.

**AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE** any person who claims that their land will be prejudicially affected is asked to contact the undersigned not later than August 7, 2026.

**AND TAKE FURTHER NOTICE** if deemed advisable, By-laws giving effect to the proposed closures and conveyances will be passed by the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills. Please note that a Council meeting to consider By-laws for the above referenced applications will be scheduled at a later date following the requiste commenting period.

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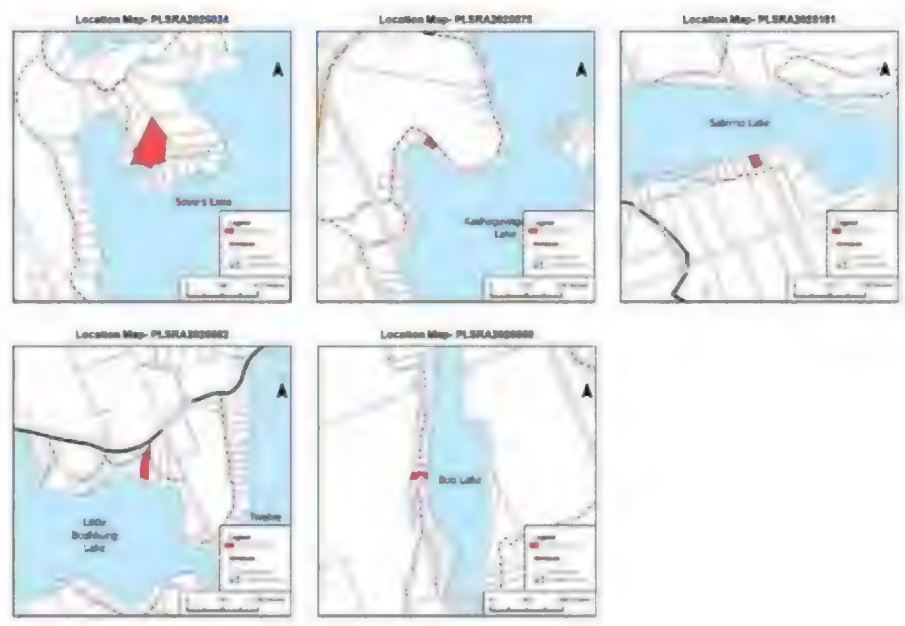

# Highlander people

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## ALL ABOUT HI, THE HIGHLANDER'S NEW APP

### Why we made it

Three years ago, Meta banned Canadian media companies from Facebook and Instagram. Since then, the quality of information on these platforms has deteriorated. Instead of trustworthy news, there is misinformation, anger, and division. We believe that's bad for Haliburton County.

We created this app to solve that problem: to make a space that is just for our community, without the downsides of social media.

### What's on it

You'll find verified, accurate news from our reporters, including breaking news alerts. You will also find information from local not-for-profits, service organizations and municipalities. The feed is in strict chronological order – there's no algorithm to track or manipulate you.

### How to get it

The best way is to go to thehighlander.app on your cellphone On your first visit, you'll get a message encouraging you to install the app on your phone. Click this and the app will appear on your home screen so you can easily find it again.

### How to use it

You don't need to create an account to use the app. But if you do, there are two benefits. First, you can choose which categories you want to see. Second, you can get notifications on your phone. There's a breaking news category, so anytime there is something urgent and important happening in the county, you can be notified. To create an account, just follow the links on the screen.

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We will be funding the app by offering a limited number of spots to local advertisers who want to reach people in Haliburton County. For more information, contact Aidan (aidan@thehighlander.ca).

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## Opportunity looks like hard work

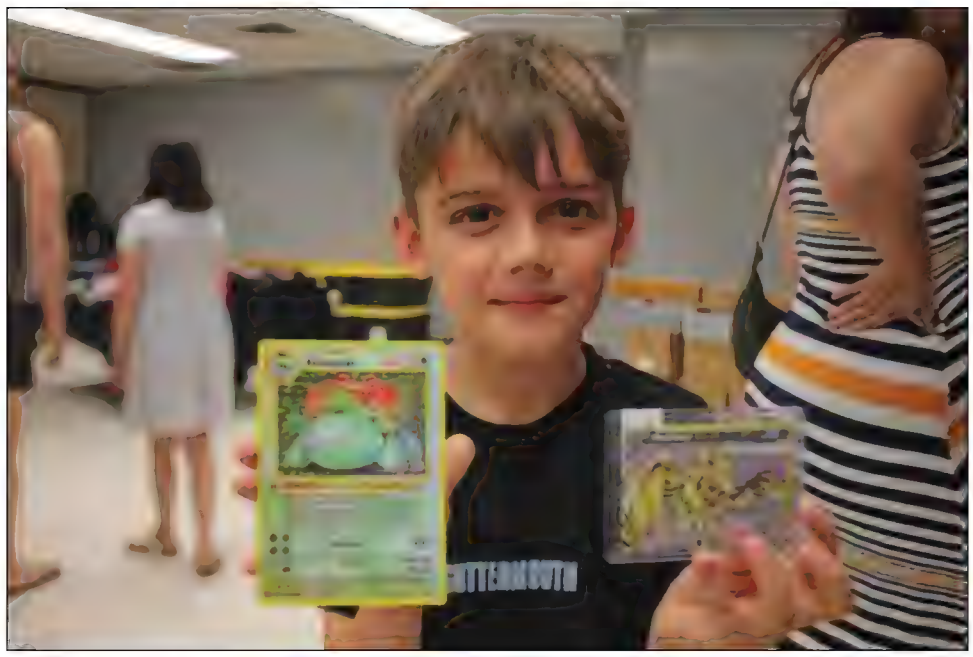
SIRCH awarded its 'opportunity looks like hard work' award last Tuesday (July 7). This year's recipient is Emma McGregor. Marketing manager, Laurie McCaig, said that while attending Haliburton Highlands Secondary School, Emma balanced school with a customer service role at Shoppers Drug Mart, "demonstrating the kind of work ethic, kindness, and commitment that makes a difference both in the workplace and in our community." The award recognizes students who show up, work hard, and make a positive impact through customer service. This year, SIRCH, along with Stacy McLean and Steve Todd of Todd's Independent, presented one $500 award to support a local student as they pursue their future goals. *(Lisa Gervais)*

Above: Steve Todd, Stacy McLean, Emma McGregor and Gena Robertson. *Submitted.*

## More than 100 women cared

The 100 Women Who Care Haliburton County presented $13,400 to the Minden Community Food Centre June 25. Present were 100WWC executive members Judy Thayer, Margaret Cox and Pat Bradley, MCFC board members Cathy Hughes, Rebekah Chevalier, Jim Wilson, Sharon Foster, Tracey Gilbert and Steve Upshall, along with 100WWC members Ruth Durkin, Val Jarvis, Wendy Aubry, and Beth Carey. *Submitted.*

# Highlander events

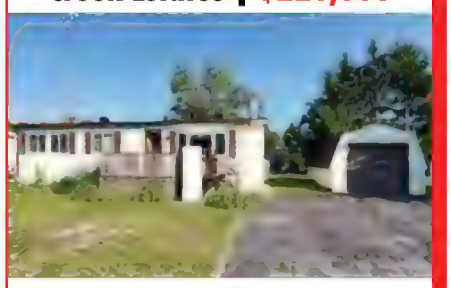


## Get your comic on

Pop Culture Canada brought its annual comicon show to Minden Hills Sunday (July 12), attracting a large crowd to the Minden Hills community centre. Organizer Lue Nuwame, of Zelpha Comics and Collectibles, said vendors were impressed with the turnout. They bring the show to towns and cities across Ontario, with sellers coming from the Greater Toronto Area and other parts of the province. "The community has really come out in droves because I think they appreciate they have a comicon to call their own. I think it's great." *(Lisa Gervais)*

Top: James Bosi with some of his finds. Middle: Nora, with a Stitch stuffy, Emma and her Paw Patrol stuffy, and Jack enjoy comicon in Minden. Bottom: A Jurassic Park-mobile greets visitors. *Photos by Lisa Gervais.*

**1034 Eighth Lane, Hunter Creek Estates | $220,000**

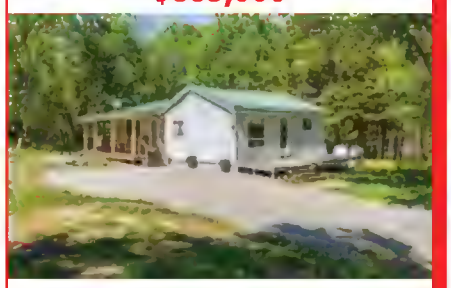


2 BR, 2 BT home in 50+ land lease community in Hunter Creek Estates with detached garage and covered deck.

**1468 Barry Line, West Guilford $320,000**

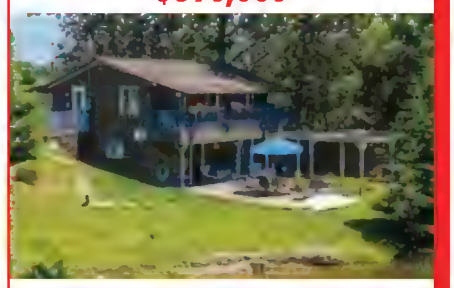
Affordable 1 BR, 1 BT country home on 1 acre offering privacy and peaceful surroundings.

**1577 Bethel Road, Minden $385,000**



Updated 2 BR, 2 BT bungalow on a private 0.5-acre lot with one-level living

**4278 Deep Bay Road, Minden $390,000**

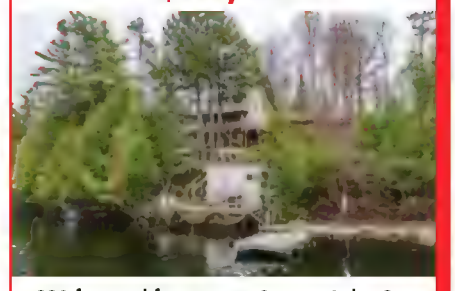


95 ft on Gull River, 3 BR, 2 BT four-season home or cottage with boating access to Gull Lake.

**18 St. Germaine St. Minden $485,000**

Private 3 BR, 2 BT in-town oasis home with mature gardens and attached garage. Just steps to Gull River.

**1024 Ranta Trail, Minden $749,000**



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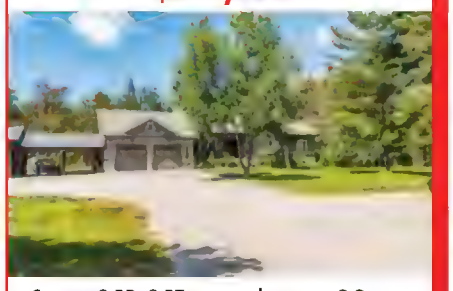
**15 Austin Drive, Burnt River $899,000**



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# Highlander events

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

SIRCH community services

**Tuesday, July 21, 2026, 5 p.m.**

SIRCH will be hosting its AGM at the SIRCH Bistro & Bakery, 49 Maple Avenue, Haliburton.

The meeting agenda will include the Reports from Staff , Auditor's Report and Election of Directors.

Members of the public are invited to attend. Please contact us for more information.

Phone: 705-457-1742
Email: info@sirch.on.ca

## There goes the sun

The Municipality of Dysart et al hosted a sunset social on Saturday (July 11) at Head Lake Park, where residents and visitors were invited to relax, play some games and enjoy refreshments while taking in a beautiful summer sunset. Friends and families played lawn games, listened to music and socialized at the park from 730 p.m. to around 10 p.m.

Top: Locals enjoy some refreshments during a smoky sunset at Head Lake Park. Bottom left: Visitor Derek Bullock and his family play some cornhole during the sunset social. Bottom right: Dysart et al's Alyssa Sisson and Alyssa Morissette were on hand during Saturday night's event. *Photos by Adam Frisk*

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**Public Notice of Council Vacancy and Special Meeting**

At a Special Council Meeting held on July 7th, 2026, Dysart et al Council declared the Deputy Mayor's seat vacant.

Dysart et al Council has chosen to fill this vacancy by appointing a current member of Council to the Mayor's role, until the end of the current Council term on November 14, 2026.

The appointment of the Deputy Mayor will take place at the Regular Council Meeting being held on July 28th, 2026, at 9:00am in the Dysart Council Chambers.

Any current Council member who wishes to be nominated to fill the vacant position of Deputy Mayor is required to notify the Clerk in writing of their consent to nomination at least five (5) business days prior to the July 28th, 2026 Regular Council Meeting.

**Contact Information**

For inquiries, please contact:
Tamara Wilbee, CAO/Clerk
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*Two Week Schedule*

Thurs., July 16, Lindsay Private, 2 p.m.
Thurs., July 16, Haliburton Private Party 5:30 p.m.
Sat., July 18, House Party Private 7-10 p.m.
Sun., July 19, Bahai Picnic Lindsay, 1 p.m.
Thurs., July 23, Cannington Private, 1 - p.m.
Fri., July 24, Lindsay Private, 2 p.m.
Sat., July 25, Belleville Private Party
Thurs., July 30, Lindsay Party, 3 p.m.
Fri., July 31, Bancroft Private, 3 p.m.
Fri., July 31, Bancroft Private, 7 p.m.
Sat., Aug 1, Midnight Madness Haliburton, 7-10 p.m.

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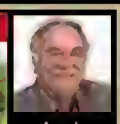
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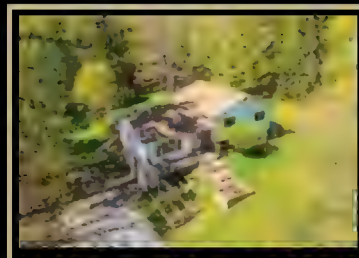

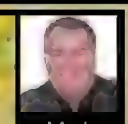
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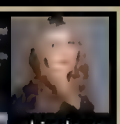
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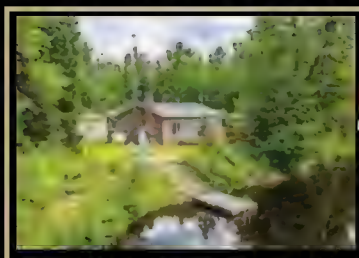

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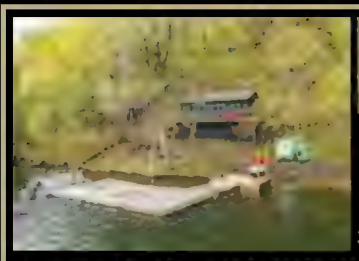

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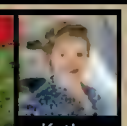
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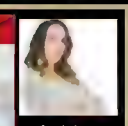
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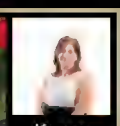
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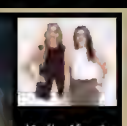
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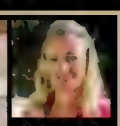
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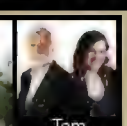
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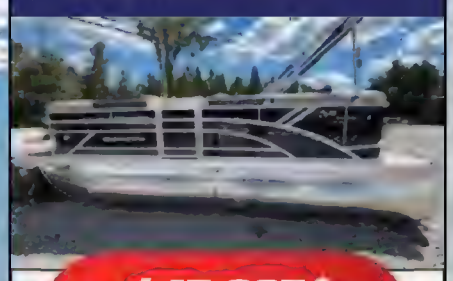

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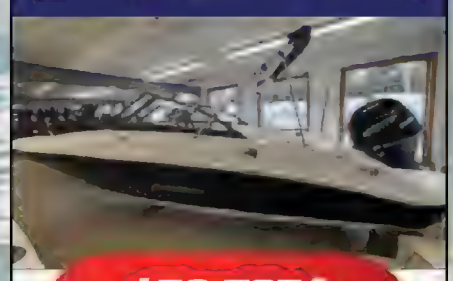

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# Highlander events

Top: Around 25 volunteers assisted at the 2nd Eric Nystedt Memorial Golf Tournament, which took place at Pinestone Resort July 3. Bottom: It was a shotgun start, with 90 golfers raring to go. *Photos courtesy of Victoria Preddy.*

# Nystedt golf fundraiser swings for the green

**By Mike Baker**

The second Eric Nystedt Memorial Golf Tournament took over Pinestone Resort July 3, with 90 golfers and more than 100 attendees at a lunch function collectively raising around $19,000.

Organized by the Haliburton Highlands OPP and staff from the local Canadian Mental Health Association (CMHA) office, the proceeds will support some of the organizations they work with – including the three County food banks, two heat banks, Special Olympics, Places for People and Born Again Bargains in Minden.

The event honours Nystedt, an OPP constable who was killed in the line of duty in Minden on July 3, 1993.

Nystedt's former sergeant, Mike Landry, was among the guests, said OPP cadet Victoria Preddy, who noted it was a great event.

"Times are hard right now, so pulling in $19,000 is amazing," Preddy said. "We had 25 volunteers who all wanted to be there to help. Everyone was there to have a good time."

While the idea was to run golf tournaments every two years, with the inaugural event happening in 2024, Preddy said the organizing team is reassessing things for 2028.

"There has been talk of postponing things a little bit further. We're looking into other alternatives for the future – maybe even doing a baseball game, or something else that anyone can do," Preddy said.

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12-13 Purple Team

Sawyer Mills
7-9 Grey Team

Wells Brown
7-9 Orange Team

# Back to the pitch

Following a welcome break from the previous week's intense heat, Haliburton's Grassroots Soccer program surged ahead with another spectacular week of action. More than 250 young players took to the pitches, delivering plenty of high-energy teamwork and impressive soccer skills. While the league's volunteer coaches did an excellent job keeping the young players focused and driven throughout their matches, supportive parents lined the sidelines to provide a steady stream of cheers and much-needed hydration. Ultimately, the beautiful, milder weather set the ideal stage for another wonderful week of thrilling competition and community sports. *Submitted.*

Top: A youngster separates themselves from the chasing pack. Bottom: Winding up for a kick. *Submitted.*

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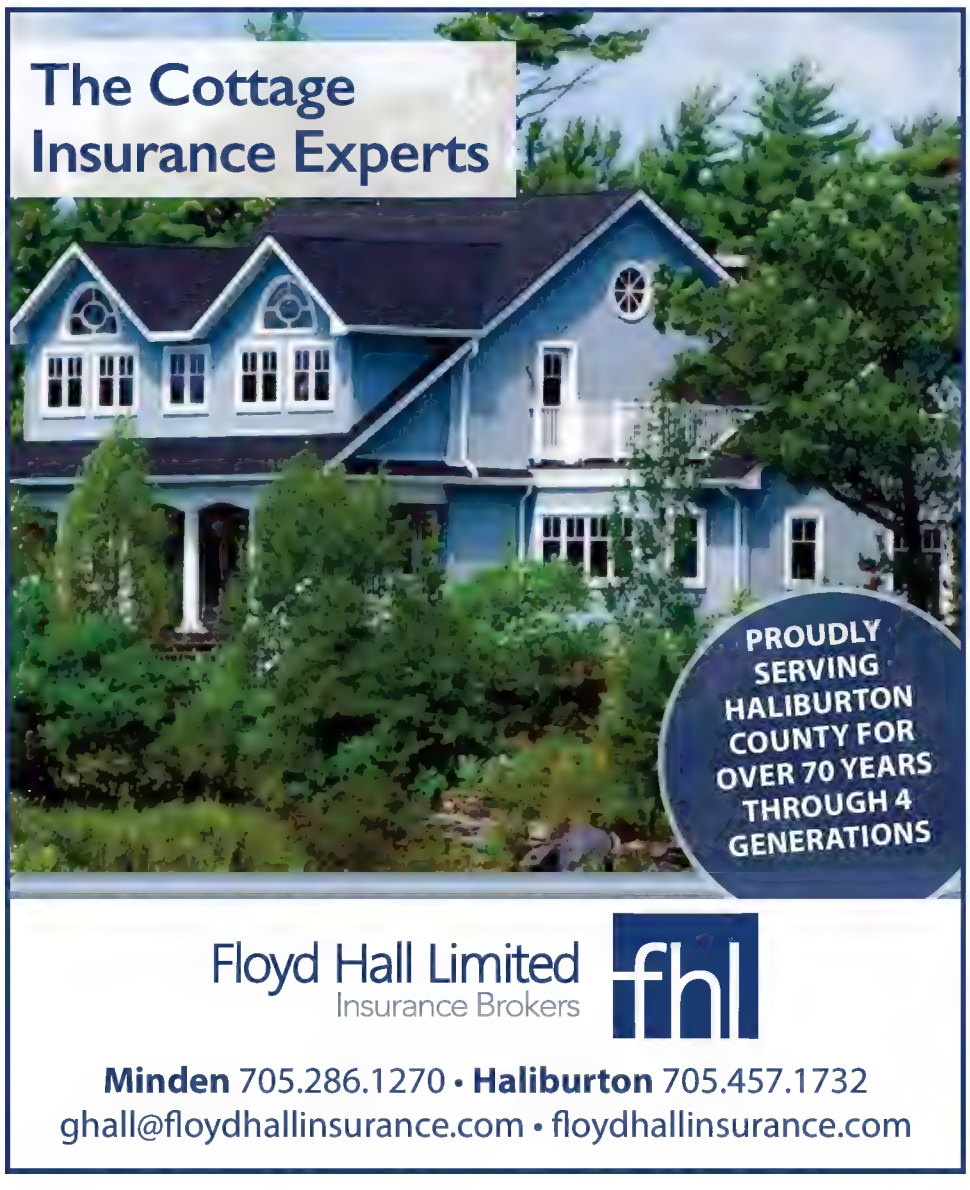
# Highlander events

## Did someone say cinnamon rolls?

The Minden Hills Cultural Centre hosts early-settler baking demonstrations in the Bowron House kitchen. Visitors can learn traditional 19th-century baking techniques. Mary Hamilton led a demonstration last Thursday (July 9) for Keira Ghany-Barry, Gabbie and Maddie Neveu, and Thomas Talaga with helper, Veronika Kawnik. *Photo by Lisa Gervais.*

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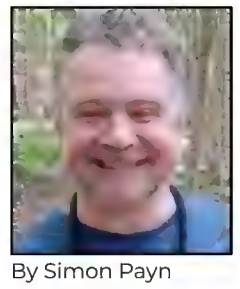

By Simon Payn

I took my kayak to one of the county's more remote lakes on the weekend. We were the only ones there, apart from an osprey on its nest. And thousands of dragonflies.

At one end of the lake was a beaver dam, holding water back. In front of the dam, the water was fairly deep; behind much drier. Totally different vegetation on either side.

Beavers are known as ecosystem engineers. They build dams to create safe spaces to live in, but they affect wildlife far beyond their fur. Their dams change waterflows, making some places wetter, others drier. And perhaps most interestingly, creating more interstitial areas, those biodiversity-rich habitats that are neither land nor lake.

Beavers build dams to suit themselves. But because they've evolved over millions of years, their selfish creations are ecologically beneficial.

### Flying in

I have a client who had a goose problem. Her land was mostly lawn down to the lake, so she had an airstrip with a buffet attached. Geese flew in, ate, left behind something special, then flew out.

We planted some shrubs and other plants to make the shoreline less attractive, removing the sense of safety geese need when they can see the lake from the lawn and making it harder to fly in and out.

We planted red osier dogwood - a plant that likes wet feet and will form goose-deterring thickets, as well as a bunch of perennials: swamp milkweed, boneset, blue flag iris.

From lawn to habitat: food and homes for insects, seasonal colour for my client, and a less attractive landing spot for geese.

### Holding together

A client had a new septic bed installed and wanted it planted. They also wanted to make sure the side of the mound didn't erode.

So I planted a few hundred shallow-rooted plants, including some sedges densely on the sloped side of the bed. They filled in quickly.

On the top of the bed were more sedges and perennials; mountain mint, lanceleaf coreopsis, pearly everlasting, hairy beardtongue.

A septic became a meadow, with movement and colour, home to insects and birds. And it was more stable, with the sedge roots knitting together the sandy soil.

### Fitting in

I'm in the process of designing some landscapes to meet the requirements of local bylaws, rehabilitating some shorelines that are mostly lawn.

I'll be adding plenty of plants to help prevent runoff and erosion, but I'll also be creating views by framing the lake, adding colour and texture through seasonal blooms and shaded foliage. I'll be making each of the cottages sit comfortably within its landscape by softening the edge between the forest and the cottage, like the building is meant to be there rather than an imposition. Protecting the shoreline that keeps this place special ends up building habitat, and a place my clients will look forward to being in.

The lake I kayaked on is one of my favourite places in the county. Fish were jumping for insects, dragonflies rested on the pointed leaves of irises, sweet gale protected the shoreline by softening the waves.

And the osprey, sitting on its nest and waiting for the evening to come when it will dive for fish for its chicks.

*Simon Payn owns Grounded, which designs, installs and cares for ecological landscapes. Visit groundedgardens.ca.*

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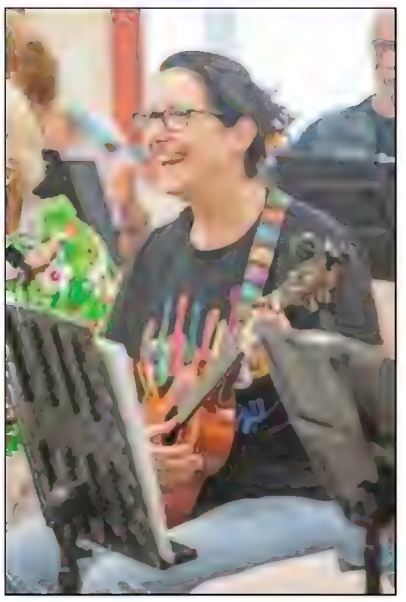

## Getting plucky

Pluck ON! participants held a concert at the Haliburton Legion last Friday (July 10). It was the culmination of a week-long summer ukulele orchestra program held in Haliburton. Led by musicians, Eve Goldberg and Brenna MacCrimmon, the immersive experience welcomed ukulele players of all levels to learn and perform ensemble arrangements across various genres, culminating in the free public concert. *(Lisa Gervais)*

Top: The ensemble poses for a photograph. Bottom left: Jodi Timgren, Jane Whelan, Anne Hollingsworth and Vicki Sisson. Bottom right: This participant, Marie Lim of Colorado, experiences the joy of ukulele. *Photos by Tim Tofflemire.*

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# What's on

## Love, gossip and second chances

The Highlands Summer Festival has begun its run of *Doris and Ivy in the Home*. Written by Norm Foster, and directed by Myrna McBrien, the play is a hilarious and heartwarming comedy that follows three eccentric seniors navigating love, gossip, and second chances at the Paradise Village retirement home in Canmore, Alberta. It continues until July 20. Next up is *My Shadow y Yo*, July 21-23. Get tickets online https://www.highlandssummerfestival.on.ca/ or by phoning 705-457-9933. *(Lisa Gervais)*

Above: Doris Mooney, played by Leslie English, and Ivy Hoffbauer, played by Isabel Buttler, get to know each other. *Photo by Wendy Evenden.*


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### Branch 129 Haliburton

**Mondays:** Office open 9 a.m. to noon, clubroom closed.
**Tuesdays:** Cadets after school starts at 5 p.m., meeting starts at 6 p.m. Games and cards night starting at 6:30 p.m. All are welcome. Darts league 7 p.m. start.
**Wednesdays:** Office and clubroom closed
**Thursdays:** General meeting third Thursday of the month, March to December; ladies auxiliary meeting last Thursday of the month, February to November.
**Fridays:** Meat draw, five draws, five prize each draw, first draw at 4:30 p.m., last draw at 6:30 p.m., tickets are $2 per draw; fun darts at 4:30 p.m. onwards; 50/50 draw at 5 p.m., tickets are $1 and available in the clubroom.
**Saturdays:** Open only for special events Clubroom hours: Monday closed; Tuesday 5-9 p.m.; Wednesday closed; Thursday 3-6 p.m., Friday 3-7 p.m., Saturday/Sunday closed.

### Branch 636 Minden

Lunch 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. **Monday to Friday** with full menu and daily special including liver lovers' **Tuesday**.
**Friday** Fish & Chips & Wings dinner 4-7 p.m.
**Saturday** all day breakfast 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. with meat draws at 9:30 a.m.
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**Weekly activities:**
**Karaoke:** every other **Friday**
**Monday:** Rug Hookers every second week.
**Monday:** Euchre 1-3 p.m.
**Thursday:** Cribbage 10 a.m. to noon, Darts 7-9 p.m. and euchre 7-9 p.m.

### Branch 624 Wilberforce

**Monday:** open 7 to 10 p.m. July 20 and 27, darts at 7 p.m.; Mexican train dominos at 7 p.m.
**Tuesday:** closed, special events only. July 21 and 28 exercise club at 1 p.m.
**Wednesday:** open 2 to 10 p.m. July 22 and 29 darts at 2 p.m.; ladies auxiliary quick supper from 5 to 6:30 p.m.
**Thursday:** open 2 to 10 p.m. July 16, 23 and 30 horseshoes at 7 p.m.; July 16 painting with Luann at 10 a.m.; July 23 HHHS social recreation at 10 a.m.
**Friday:** open 2 to 11 p.m. July 17 and 31 wings and jam session from 5 to 8 p.m.; July 24 cannelloni dinner and live music from 5 to 8 p.m.
**Saturday:** open 2 to 9 p.m. July 25, 100th celebration at noon, with activities all day; July 18 and 25 meat draw at 3 p.m.

### Branch 566 Cardiff

**Hours: Sunday and Monday** 3 to 6 p.m. and **Thursday** 3 to 9 p.m.
**Events:** Breakfast on the first **Sunday** of each month from 9 to 11 a.m.; euchre on the second **Sunday** of each month at 12:30 p.m. Shuffleboard every **Thursday** from 7 to 9 p.m. Music and jam session ever second **Saturday** of the month from 1 to 4 p.m. Everyone welcome.

### Branch 441 Kinmount

**Mondays:** Bid euchre at 1 p.m.
**Tuesdays:** Closed
**Wednesdays:** Mixed darts at 7:30 p.m.
**Thursdays:** Closed
**Fridays:** Clubroom opens at 4 p.m. Bingo, doors open at 5 p.m. with play beginning at 6:45 p.m. Supper specials starting at 5 p.m.
**Saturdays:** Clubroom opens at 3 p.m. Meat draw at 5:30 p.m.

## EVENTS

The Haliburton 4CS Food Bank is hosting its Christmas in July fundraiser all month long. Stop by the facility at 26 York St. every Wednesday from 11 a.m. to noon to "cool off with Christmas music." They're asking for new, unwrapped toys or cash donations to be dropped off at CanoeFM or the food bank, with e-transfers to 4csfoodbank@gmail.com. There will also be donation boxes at Foodland and Todd's Independent. Contact Lewis Ewing at 705-457-5831 or louiseanneewing@gmail.com.

**July 16**, 8 to 8:45 p.m. Wolf Howl hosted by Haliburton Forest Wolf Centre. Come out for a short presentation about wolves before staff attempt to communicate with them through howling. Doors open at the seminar building at base camp at 1095 Redkenn Rd at 7:30 p.m. Arrive early to save a seat. Taking place every Thursday night in July and August. By donation.

**July 16**, 5 to 6:30 p.m. The Minden Hills Cultural Centre welcomes local naturalist Rick Whitteker who will share stories of the landscapes, wildlife and waters that shape the region during a talk on the Highlands' natural heritage. All are welcome.

**July 18**, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The annual Art on the Dock, presented by the Kennisis Lake Cottage Owners' Association. There are 23 artists confirmed – check online at klcoa.org for studio locations. Also running July 19 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Over the last 11 years, this event has raised more than $40,000 for the Art Council Haliburton Highlands' artists in schools and community programs.

**July 18**, 2 to 5 p.m. Coffeehouse in the Park event, supporting Fuel for Warmth. There will be live music in Head Lake Park, featuring Katherine Wheatley, Todd and Robyn, and Randall Ellsworth. Tickets are $45 and include a handmade mug. Can be purchased online at fuelforwarmth.com or at the SIRCH Bistro in Haliburton. Rain date is July 19.

**July 18**, 5:30 p.m. Giant Penny Raffle returns to Wilberforce. There will be over 150 prizes. Doors open from 1 to 3 p.m. for early viewing, with the main event starting at 5:30 and main draw at 8 p.m. Proceeds support the Wilberforce Heritage Guild, Wilberforce Fair and FUNraising Group.

**July 19**, 1 to 4 p.m. Bat house building workshop hosted by the Haliburton Highlands Land Trust and Abbey Gardens. Did you know bats can eat up to 1,000 mosquitoes an hour? Invite one of nature's best pest controls to your yard this summer All materials included. Register in advance at haliburtonlandtrust.ca. Admission by donation.

**July 21**, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Caboose Bike Hub in Head Lake Park is open for the season. Stop by on Tuesdays for railway history, kids' corner, bike information and more. Services and programming are free to the public. There's also an event running July 28. For more information, contact Pamela Marsales at 705-457-4767.

**July 21**, 10 a.m. Free guided tour of the Haliburton Sculpture Forest. Meet at the kiosk in the Haliburton School of Art + Design parking lot at 297 College Dr. Wear comfortable walking shoes. Tours are held every Tuesday through July and August rain or shine and can take up to two hours. By donation.

**July 21**, 5 p.m. SIRCH Community Services is holding its annual general meeting at the SIRCH Bistro, located at 49 Maple Ave. in Haliburton. All are welcome. For the full agenda, contact info@sirch.on.ca or 705-457-1742.

What's on

# Art on the Dock readies for annual tour

**By Lisa Gervais**

An artist at a past Art on the Dock event. *File.*

Art on the Dock celebrates its 12th year in 2026 with 23 confirmed artists taking part in the Kennisis Lake Cottage Owners Association (KLCOA) creative extravaganza.

This year's event runs Saturday, July 18, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, July 19, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at nine studios.

There will be a total of eight artists at Phyllis Walton's place at 3520 West Shore Rd. this year. Walton does acrylic painting on canvas and wood.

"As a retired nurse, I took up painting six years ago. With lots of encouragement from fellow artists and courses at the Haliburton School of Art + Design, I'm enjoying painting our beautiful scenes," she said.

Joining her are Lynda Henry, who does original paintings. Henry said her art journey began nearly 15 years ago, with an evening art class. "Little did I know at the time, that I would develop a passion to create joyful landscapes, florals, and abstract paintings, as well as meeting so many wonderful people along the way." Her artwork can be found in homes across Canada.

Nicole Bezdikian will be there with her ceramics. She works in stone wear and porcelain and throws the majority of her work on the wheel, but also enjoys hand-building pieces out of slab. Her work is food safe and fired to 2,200 degrees. She learned the art in 2019 after taking classes at a County studio. She has since built a studio at her home in Burlington.

Meghan Joncas and Brittany Crago will have their decorative paddles in a variety of shapes and sizes.

Christine Gowland does hand-thrown and hand-painted functional pottery, including mugs, bowls, serving platters and appetizer sets. "I use speckled or white stoneware that is dishwasher, microwave and oven safe. Most of my work has a water/coastal theme, as well as flowers. I love taking a basic form and adding custom finishes to it for a one-of-a-kind piece of pottery," she said.

Barbara Larcina brings her acrylic paintings. She describes herself as an impressionist artist "who is in awe of the beauty of the Haliburton Highlands in all four seasons." She added the bold colours she finds in nature inspire her to paint and continuously enhance her passion for art.

Megan Marsiglio is a mixed media creator; doing acrylic paintings, and pen and ink with watercolour. She likes florals, nature and animals.

Another stop is 1033 Winkler Rd, with Brian Kalanda and his handcrafted bowls, boxes, charcuterie boards, spoons and more; and photographer Dana McCullen.

Usually behind-the-scenes, Janis Parker will have photos on display at 1622 West Shore Rd. "I took photography as a minor at York University and enjoyed developing my own prints in the Parker Pad and Printing darkroom," she said. "Travelling has ignited my passion for photography and has allowed me the opportunity to capture some spectacular images from around the globe." She said it's a hobby she enjoys and looks forward to sharing with the community.

She will be joined by painters, Janet Trull and David Kerr.

At 2258 Wilkinson Rd, folks can see Jeanette Kling's paintings alongside Mary Coulson's paintings and bird carvings.

Carolyn Jones brings her acrylic paintings, woodburning and pillows and scarves to 1009 Wilcox Trail. She'll be joined by Darren Poncelet, who does wood turning and wood carving.

The remainder of the Art on the Dock tour this year sees Marleen Campbell (oil paintings), and Leslie Fagan (hand-thrown pottery) at 5137 Kennisis Lake Rd. Maryna Lehman, who does vintage crafts, and Ian Ball, a watercolour painter, will be at 1017 Forget Me Not Lane. Rachel Charyk, a landscape oil painter, is on her own at 1007 Baffin Trail. Finally, coloured pencil and acrylic painter, Lynn Miller, and jewellery-maker and encaustic art creator, Marilyn Clayton, are at 1247 Watts Rd.

The AOTD initiative has donated more than $40,000 for Artists in the Schools and Community Haliburton County. For more information on this weekend's event, go to KLCOA.org


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**SUMMER PROGRAMMING**

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**COUNCIL MEETINGS VIRTUAL & IN-PERSON**

Council and Closed Session meetings are currently being conducted in-person (Council Chambers, 7 Milne St., Minden) and with electronic participation. The scheduled upcoming meetings are:

- July 23 – Regular Council Meeting
- August 13 – Regular Council Meeting

Members of the Public are invited to observe Council proceedings by attending in-person or via the live-stream link.

**MINDEN HILLS CULTURAL CENTRE**

- The 2026 Members' Exhibition of the Arts Council ~ Haliburton Highlands will be on display until July 18 in the Gallery. Featuring over 40 local artists, the mixed-media exhibition is presented in partnership with the Art in Public Spaces Committee of the Arts Council ~ Haliburton Highlands and Fielding Estate Winery.
- Museum of Her, an exhibition by artist Michèle Karch-Ackerman will be on display in the Gallery (Kirkwood Room) until July 18.
- Miijim: Traditional Foods of the Anishinaabeg, on loan from MUSE: Lake of the Woods Museum in Kenora will be on display at the Cultural Centre until August 29.
- All are welcome to our Community Heritage Series Speaker Event - Trails and Waterways: A Journey Through Our Natural Heritage with Rick Whitteker, taking place on Thursday, July 16 at 5:00 pm. Rick will provide an engaging presentation exploring how hiking trails and paddling routes connect us to the natural heritage of Haliburton County. Admission is by donation. No pre-registration is required.
- The Minden Hills Museum and Heritage Village, and Nature's Place is open Tuesday to Saturday from 10 am - 4 pm for tours and self-guided activities! Stop by for drop-in activities for children each day from 11 am – 12 pm. This week: Tues – school slate craft, Wed – salt dough clay leaf press, Thurs – Master Gardeners, Fri – ice cream making, Sat – portable memories showcase #2.

For information on all the programs and exhibits offered at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre: culturalcentre@mindenhills.ca or call 705-286-3763.

**ARE YOU REGISTERED TO VOTE?**

Confirm you are on the Voters List! The next municipal election will be held on Monday, October 26, 2026. To register and/or confirm your information visit the Elections Ontario Register Voter Portal www.registertovoteon.ca/

Election staff is available for assistance at the Administration Office (7 Milne St.) Monday – Friday from 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. (excluding holidays).

**BID OPPORTUNITY**

The Township of Minden Hills currently has the following tenders available:

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See Bid Opportunities on our website for more information.

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Safely dispose of your household hazardous waste July 25 from 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. at the S.G. Nesbitt Arena. Please ensure you have your waste disposal card. Residents can attend any hazardous waste event in the County. For a full list of events happening within the County, visit mindenhills.ca/hazardouswaste.

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is currently seeking candidates for the future position of:

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**Property/Parks & Recreation Department**

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- Minimum two (2) years experience in trail development, parks planning, or community project coordination
- Valid Ontario Class "G" Driver's License.

A copy of the detailed job posting, and description are available upon request or on the Highlands East website at www.highlandseast.ca

If you are interested in joining our dedicated team of municipal professionals, applications **clearly marked "Application – Part-Time, Trails Coordinator "** may be submitted on or before 12:00 p.m, Friday, July 17th, 2026 via email, mail, in person, or fax. Interested applicants may submit their resume, including references, in confidence to:

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*We thank all applicants for their interest but only those selected for an interview will be contacted.*

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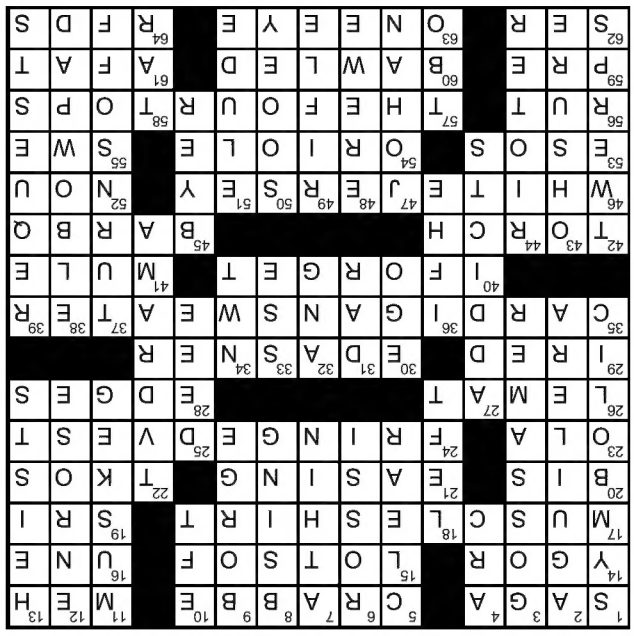

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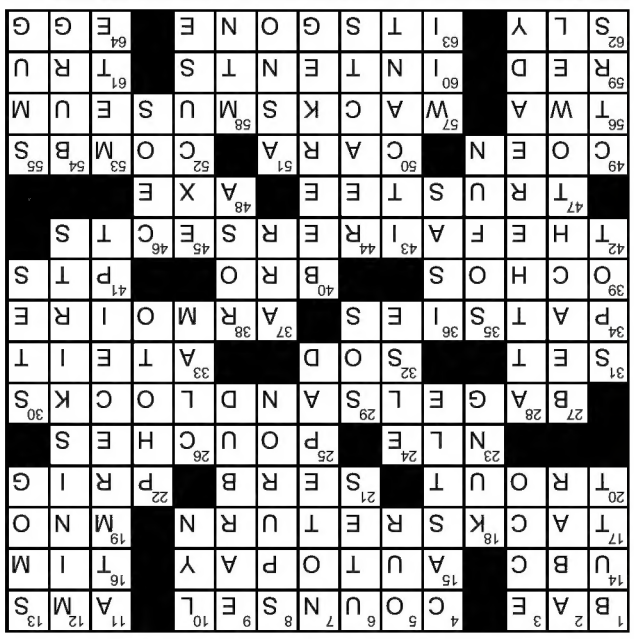

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## OBITUARIES

*In Loving Memory of*

### Jean Alma Randell

Passed away suddenly at the Royal Victoria Hospital, Barrie on Sunday, July 5, 2026 at the age of 94.

Beloved wife of Harry (deceased). Loving mother of Heather and her husband Lloyd Morrison. Grandmother of Jim and Amanda Morrison and Sean and Kristy Morrison. Great Grandma of Lola, Molly, Oliver, Alice, Aadam, Mariam, Amaan, Isa, and Layla. Dear sister of Blanche and John Bell, Eleanor Collins (Bob – deceased) and Wally Yetman (deceased).

In keeping with Jean's wishes, cremation has taken place. A Graveside Committal Service and Interment will be held at the St. Peter's Anglican Church Cemetery, Maple Lake on Thursday, July 16, 2026 at 11:00 am. Reception to follow at the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 636, 12847 Hwy 35, Minden, ON K0M 2K0.

Memorial Donations to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation (HHHSF) would be appreciated by the family and can be arranged through the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., P.O. Box 427, Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0.

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*In Loving Memory of*

### Helen Emma Gardner

April 16, 1928 - July 9, 2026

It is with deep love and fond remembrance that the family of Helen Gardner announce her peaceful passing, surrounded by family, at Highland Wood on Thursday, July 9th, in her 99th year.

Helen was born and grew up in Toronto in a family with Scottish roots. She married her beloved Lloyd Gardner (predeceased) in 1949, raising their family in Oshawa. Helen moved to Haliburton in 2000. She leaves behind her children, Nancy (Al), David (Sylvie), grandchildren Jamie (predeceased), Jana (Joe), Kelsey, Daniel, Carolyne (Narsing), Julie (Dominik) and great grandsons William and Kian.

Helen lived a life deeply rooted in her faith. She was a proud and active member of the Baha'i community. Her beliefs were not just spoken but lived out daily through her generosity, integrity, kindness, and the quiet way she lifted others. Helen enjoyed spending time with her family and was actively involved in her community, including volunteering for many years at Haliburton Lily Ann Thrift Store.

Helen's warmth, love for life, and ability to bring joy to those around her will never be forgotten. She will be fondly remembered by all who had the privilege to know her.

**Visitation & Funeral Service**

Friends and family were invited to call on Monday, July 13, 2026, at the **HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME**, 13523 Hwy. #118 Haliburton, Ontario K0M 1S0 (705) 457-9209 for a Funeral Service beginning at 11:00 a.m. Visitation 1 Hour prior. An Interment will follow at the Twelve Mile Cemetery, Minden Hills, Ontario. As an expression of sympathy, donations in Helen's memory can be made to a charity of your choice.

Community Funeral Home

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## The X Factor

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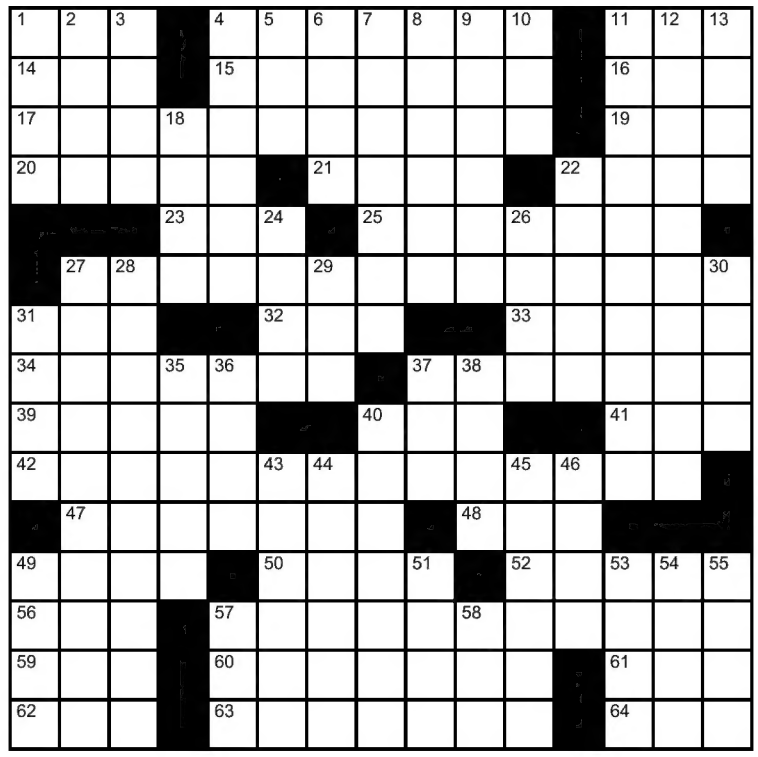

**Across**

**1** Slangy "sweetie"
**4** Legal advice
**11** Midnight to noon spans, for short
**14** Fourth largest campus in Can.
**15** Quick remittance method
**16** Horton or Allen
**17** Promise from a push pin borrower?
**19** Part of "somnolence"
**20** Speckled fish
**21** Balkan native
**22** Holier-than-thou type
**23** N.Y. Mets' div.
**25** Kangaroo features
**27** Breakfast buns served with deadbolts?
**31** Stage arrangement
**32** Blanket of grass
**33** Took the loss
**34** Pushovers
**37** Fancy wardrobe
**39** Spanish "eights"
**40** "Ma man!"
**41** Scoreboard nos.
**42** Less aggressive religious offshoots?
**47** School board member
**48** Let go, put bluntly
**49** "Fargo" directors' name
**50** "Fame" singer
**52** Barber's tools in a jar
**56** "Up, up and away" airline
**57** Where screwballs and nutjobs are on display?
**59** Roy, in a mnemonic
**60** Objectives
**61** Kamloops, B.C. campus: Abbr.
**62** Cunning
**63** Announcer's phrase after a home run
**64** Spoon partner in a race

**Down**

**1** Brent of "Corner Gas"
**2** "This guy walks into ___" (joke starter)
**3** Danish brand shoe
**4** Rook's other name
**5** Middle of 29-Down
**6** Quad vehicles, e.g.
**7** Desk item near pens
**8** Move to action
**9** One of an iPod pair
**10** "She's All That" actress Jodi ___ O'Keefe
**11** Bank slip that's ejected
**12** Short, short dresses
**13** Urban asthmatic's bane
**18** "___ Fu Panda" (animated film)
**22** Shot or snap
**24** "Anything ___?"
**26** Keep mum, with "up"
**27** Lakeside spread?
**28** Prepared for quick action
**29** "Help!"
**30** Canonized "femmes": Abbr.
**31** Damned thing for Lady Macbeth
**35** "Such a blast!"
**36** Stupid ___ stupid does
**37** Pirate Day utterance
**38** Sub ___ (on the Q.T., legally)
**40** The barrel in "Roll Out the Barrel"
**43** "___ Happen Here" (Sinclair Lewis novel)
**44** Turns blue in a litmus test, say
**45** "The dog ate it," for one
**46** Corp. honchos
**49** Main bldgs.
**51** "... should come ___ surprise"
**53** Distribute, with "out"
**54** Fortified town of old
**55** Annoyingly confident
**57** "Just Dance 2020" console
**58** Range element: Abbr.


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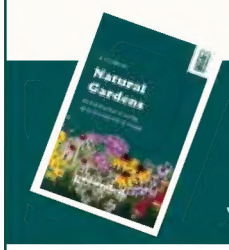

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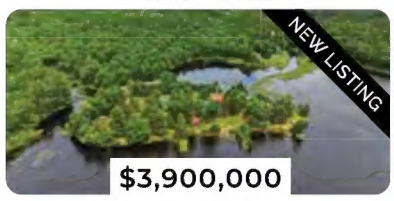


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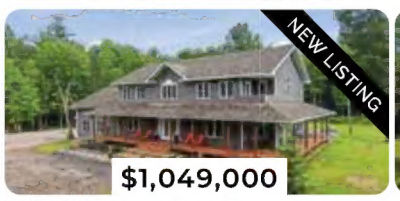


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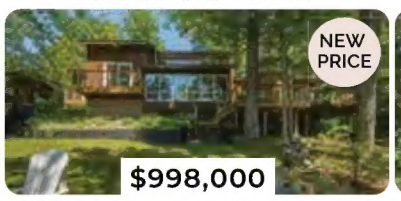


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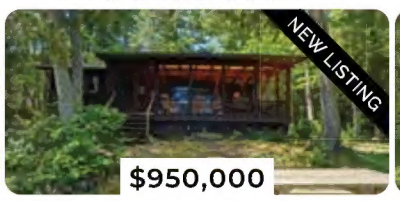


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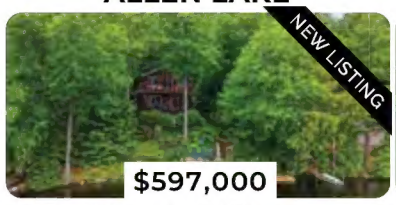


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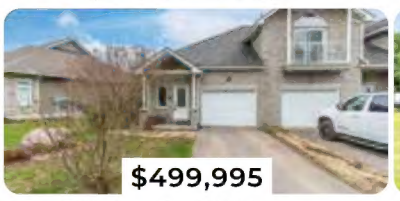

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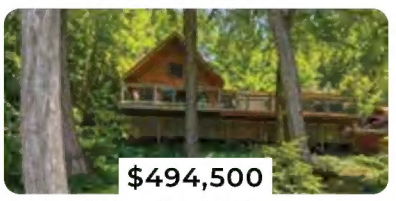

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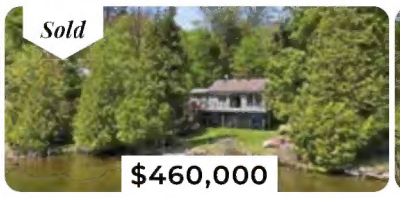


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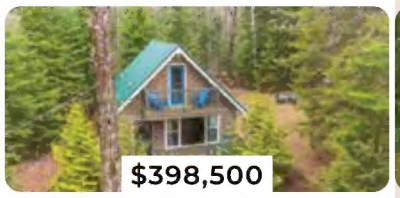

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